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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN - ADDITIONAL SHIPMENT OF SECRETARY
RIPLEY'S RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 17019 ; BOMBAY 198

NEW DELHI FOR SCIENCE ATTACHE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
BOMBAY FOR CONGEN

1. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR SECRETARY RIPLEY'S
ORNITHOLOGICAL RESEARCH TRIP SENT AIR FREIGHT BY PANAM
JANUARY 27 ADDRESSED "AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL (SDR)".

2. ONE SHIPMENT CONSISTS 200 SHOT GUN SHELLS 410 GAUGE
IN WOODEN BOX APPROXIMATE WEIGHT 13 POUNDS; GBL-K075-1326;
PANAM WAYBILL 026-65599671.

3. OTHER SHIPMENT CONSISTS ONE BOX CONTAINING TWO EMPTY
KNAPSACKS AND ONE PORTABLE CANVAS TOILET; APPROXIMATE
WEIGHT 11 POUNDS; GBL-K075-1325; PANAM WAYBILL 026-65599601.
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4. GBL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED IN INDIAN RUPEES CHARGEABLE

APPROPRIATION 33X0102.

5. CONGEN BOMBAY REQUESTED CLEAR ONLY SHIPMENTS OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH CUSTOMS; INFORM J.C. DANIEL OF BNHS AS SOON AS SHIPMENTS ARRIVE BOMBAY; AND TURN OVER TO BNHS IMMEDIATELY WHEN CLEARANCE COMPLETED.

6. BOMBAY 198 JUST RECEIVED. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS BOTH WOODEN BOXES CONTAINING RESPECTIVELY 100 ROUNDS AND 200 ROUNDS 410 GAUGE SHOTGUN SHELLS BE INTERCEPTED AT NEW DELHI OR, IF NECESSARY, RETURNED TO NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY. PANAM IS INTERNATIONAL CARRIER.

7. SECRETARY RIPLEY WILL NOT BE VISITING BOMBAY. HE WILL ARRIVE NEW DELHI EARLY MORNING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7; DEPART FOR AGRA EARLY FEBRUARY 9; RETURNING NEW DELHI EVENING FEBRUARY 12; DEPART 3:00 P.M. AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 13 FOR NAGPUR AND RESEARCH TRIP FOR WHICH SHELLS NECESSARY. EMBASSY REQUESTED ATTEMPT CLEAR BOTH SHIPMENTS OF SHELLS IN NEW DELHI AND OBTAIN REQUIRED PERMIT PRIOR TO RIPLEY ARRIVAL. SHELLS 410 GAUGE EXTREMELY SMALL, USUALLY REFERRED TO AS DUST SHOT, AND ESSENTIAL FOR ORNITHOLOGICAL WORK. INCONVENIENCE TO EMBASSY REGRETTEED AND EFFORTS ASSIST MUCH APPRECIATED BY SMITHSONIAN. KISSINGER

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